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Army Answers Sukarno, Asks Purge of Reds

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Armed forces chief Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution has called for a purge of Indonesia's Communists and their sympathizers.

He warned in a speech broadcast by Jakarta radio that unless the Reds and their fellow travelers are rooted out, they will attempt to overthrow the government again.

Nasution escaped the rebels' Oct. 1 coup attempt, but until he spoke yesterday to an armed forces staff meeting had mostly remained out of the public eye. However, he was reliably reported to be the prime mover behind the Army's crackdown on the Communists.

His speech was considered a move to counter President Sukarno's pressure on the Army to ease up on the Communists.

Financing Disputed

Army newspapers, meanwhile, challenged First Deputy Premier Subandrio, Sukarno's chief aide and a leading Communist sympathizer, to prove his charge that some anti-Communist papers in Jakarta are financed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Subandrio accused the newspapers of receiving money from the CIA in a speech Saturday at which Sukarno was present.

The newspaper API, whose publisher is an army general, said that in the past anyone who opposed the Indonesian Commu-

nist party (PKI) was accused of being financed by the CIA. I added:

"There is a likelihood that the entire Indonesian people who want to crush the PKI will be charged with receiving money from the CIA. This means slandering the people."

The army organ Berita Yudha said that if Subandrio's charges proved true, "the people will wholeheartedly bury the newspaper that is a CIA agent and send its editor to the gallows."

The army crackdown brought a new protest from Peking, its third. The New China News Agency said a note delivered to the Indonesian Foreign Ministry accused the army of "brutal behavior" and "insulting practices" toward Chinese technical personnel helping to construct a textile mill in Bandaran.

In Moscow, Pravda, the Soviet Communist party newspaper, said there could be no justification for reprisals against Indonesian Communists growing out of the coup attempt.

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